

I think the Board will without doubt take
such action as will throw off all slaveholding
sympathy - whether they will secure all Anti Slavery
sympathy is more doubtful - There will be
a strong effort made to absorb all the Anti-
slavery that is evangelical - The Comenoters
will not be regarded of course - The friends of the
Memorial should be prepared to meet the
case in its worst features - for there doubters
will be some discussion - And our
view of the matter should be ably presented
I wish that you thought it consistent to
take part in the discussion & give your
view of practice of the Apostles - for this
matter was handled in Dr Woods report &
so in Dr Stowes - It will be a fine opportunity
perhaps to gain the ear & hearts of thousands
to a more correct interpretation of the Gospel

& I do hope you will not let it slip

— If the Board do take fair ground (not to say
high ground) — another organization can
succeed better not to assume a hostile position
but appear to approve the Board — & give
other reasons for a new organization
which may be done in truth

Shall endeavor to be at Mr Sappan's Manedey

Morning
Rev A A Phelps

Yours Respectfully
M. M. Fisher

M. M. Fisher, Secretary
July 26. 1835

proceeding the Meeting of the Board —

Mr Sanford said to them that unless they embodied the sentiments of his Report they should present a mirror Report —

He seems to be firm now & I hope he will be at last — He has however strong hopes of their being immovable — He says there has been great advance since the meeting last year — & that there is an evident desire to meet the wishes of all reasonable Abolitionists — Dr Wood is fairly coiled down — While in Boston he says it was Rumored that a memorial was going to be sent from Circumlocution on the ground of Mr Ringstern, being a Slaveholder — Mr Green has a letter from Mr K — stating the fact that since he has been Commissioner he has bought 3 Slaves at their request & allowed them to work for their freedom — The Board intervened to prevent the continuance of such a practice & he has not got any since — one of the three is now very old — he has offered to leave his freedom on the only legal condition that of leaving the nation — which he declines to do — He says he has no claim upon the Slave &c &c —

— By the way the Worcester Association informed the Committee by Mr Bardwell that they had adopted a memorial to the Board on the subject of this Mission & had taken the ground 18 to 1 that the Board should oppose the reception of any more Slaveholders into the Mission Churches high ground indeed — what an advance

Board should class Slavery with other sins & exhort the missionaries so to class it & to treat it & endeavor to remove it as they would other sins - Dr Pond though never known as an abolitionist was for excommunicating the slaveholders in the Church & admonishing no more - quite ultra - Dr Tappan concurred with Dr. Lee & Hawes - Mr Sanford took the same ground - Mr McLane said they did not any of them feel half enough on the subject - the evils of Slavery were not realized as they ought to be - though he was born a slaveholder & reared in the midst of Slavery - he knew it only to abhor it - he was for a strong declaration - his view had changed much within the past year - Judge Williams began with a good deal of warmth against the abolitionists - thought if there were the sentiments of the Committee he was sure they could not harmonize - He provoked discussion & Dr Stowe was quite severe upon the judge but at the private suggestion of Mr Green that he could not censure an old man so he desisted & the Judge at length took back some things, yielded & modified somewhat - shoked for union finally after striking out something from Mr Green's Report they chose a sub-committee of Dr Stowe, Mr Green & Dr Woods (who said he must be passive) to modify or draft anew a Report - to be presented on Sunday Morning at Brooklyn

Monday Aug 30. 1845

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Dear Sir

I have just had an interview with Mr Sanford who has recently met the Committee of the A.B.C.F.M. on the subject of my Memorial to the Board. He Reports that seven of the Committee were present. Dr. Tyler. Chancellor Wallworth. & Mr Pomeroy - were absent -

They each gave their views in writing to some extent except Judge Williams - Dr. Woods had prepared a very elaborate Report by no means satisfactory to any body - and as he had been previously advised (doubtless) did not appear strenuous to have his views adopted - expressed himself willing to give the matter up to other hands - & would yield to others - Mr Green had a well written document. which concerned Slavery as an Institution very fully - yet had some apologues for individual cases - for the missionaries &c - which were hardly satisfactory to the Abolitionists - Dr. Stowe thought the Detroit convention had put the time just ^{about right} on Slavery - & as to the Missionaries they knew best how to treat the particular cases of Slavery that existed in their Churches - thought that apostles were very liberal toward Churches, involved in social evils - Dr. Tappan had previously advised with Dr. Ide. Dr. Hawes & Dr. Pond - Dr. J. & H. took similar ground. that the